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Northern Division  
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RE: Draft Final Background Soil Investigation Report for Old Fire Fighter Training Area, Naval Station Newport, Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Shafer,

The Department of Environmental Management Office of Waste Management has reviewed the Draft Final Soil Investigation Report for the Old Fire Fighter Training Area dated 24 August 2000. The report has not addressed the issues broached in the State's comment letter dated 16 August 2000. Accordingly, as this time, the State does not accept the background findings, which were in question, and these values should not be used in subsequent reports. The Navy may employ the background values, which were not in question in subsequent studies. If the Navy has any questions concerning the above, please contact this Office at (401) 222-2797, ext. 7111.

Sincerely,

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